SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.38 (ID # 26754)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

FROM: BOS DISTRICT 1

SUBJECT: BOS District 1: First District use of Highgrove Cannabis DA Funds for building improvements at the Norton Younglove Community Center in Highgrove. [\$350,000 Total Cost] (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct Facilities Management to initiate work on the Norton Younglove Community Center building improvement projects using the Highgrove Cannabis DA funds.

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez

Nays:

None None

Absent: Date:

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Kimberly A. Rector

Clerk of the Board

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$350,000	\$0	\$350,000	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 20280-3100800000-2302039			Budget Adjus	stment: No
			For Fiscal Ye	ar: 24/25

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On October 23, 2018, the Board approved a regulatory framework allowing cannabis businesses to begin the entitlement process in unincorporated areas of Riverside County, which included an amendment to Ordinance No. 348 (Zoning & Land Use). This action also established an initial one-year Implementation Process for processing conditional use permits for commercial cannabis cultivation and retail sales.

Additionally, on January 29, 2019, the Board adopted Board of Supervisors Policy No. B-9 and Resolution No. 2019-037, which established procedures and requirements for Development Agreements related to commercial cannabis activities. These policies aim to ensure that the County does not disproportionately bear the burden of commercial cannabis activities, that the County receives public benefits from these activities, that sufficient resources are available for enforcement, and that cannabis businesses have clarity regarding County requirements.

The public benefits from these agreements consist of two components: essential services provided by the County, such as ordinance enforcement, and contributions from commercial cannabis activities to the local community. These contributions may include local employment opportunities, community contributions, funding for infrastructure, additional Sheriff patrols, community cleanups or beautification programs, and other economic incentives for the community.

District 1 has started the process of prioritizing and identifying eligible projects, to be delivered by County Departments and is requesting to obligate a total of \$350,000 from the Highgrove Cannabis DA Funds. These funds will support the purchase and installation of a digital sign, address additional costs for flooring repairs caused by moisture damage, purchase of audio visual equipment for the community center, enhance the patio area, and acquire new lighting for the community center.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

This project will enhance the aesthetic appeal of the facility, making it more inviting for Highgrove residents of all ages, to gather, meet, and utilize the space.